

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-7; and

Group II, claims 8-17.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I, Claims 1-7.

Further, Applicants elect Example 1 (in which M1 represents gallium and M2 represents titanium) among the examples. The elected species is encompassed by claims 4 and 7.

CONCLUSION

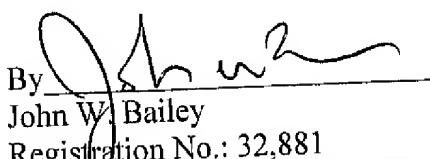
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John W. Bailey (Reg. No. 32,881) at the telephone number below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

- Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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